

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to specifically refer to priority applications and their status as requested in the Restriction Requirement.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 19, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group IV and Group (a) (Claims 13-17 and 19-21).


Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

No fee in addition to the extension fee is believed to be due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due, please charge them to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013 (order no. 402896-999114).

Respectfully submitted,

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